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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
NIGEL DENNIS GRIFFIN
PETER RAYMOND HUGHES

Serial No.: 10/604,007

Filed: August 20, 2003

For: POLYCRYSTALLINE DIAMOND
PARTIALLY DEPLETED OF
CATALYZING MATERIAL

Group Art Unit: 1775

Examiner: Archene A. Turner

Atty. Dkt. No.: 78.1081-0.6

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 26, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including August 26, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 26, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed, which includes the process fee (\$110.00) for a one-month extension of time.

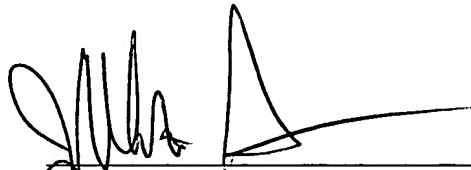
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mike Amerson', is written over a horizontal line.

Date: August 13, 2004

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